

rather ridiculous the attitude of the worthy
people who
have spoken of me as trying to usurp powers
on behalf of
the Federal Government. The great measure
of my
administration as Governor was the franchise
tax. It was
far more bitterly fought than the public
utilities bill; and,
mind you, it broke ground for the first time in
New York
in dealing with these big corporations, and it
has been de-
clared constitutional by the highest court in
the land. So
it is with the measures I have succeeded in
getting through
Congress while I have been President"